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Sent: 5/24/2021 11:04:47 AM
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Subject: RE: TALA QUESTION: Comment for story on chemical industry PFAS study
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Ok here's the study. Let me know how you want to proceed.

From: Dunton, Cheryl
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 6:56 AM
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Subject: RE: TALA QUESTION: Comment for story on chemical industry PFAS study

Here's the press release announcing the study.

Here's the link to the article but I can't access this journal: <https://setac.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/ieam.4450>.
Not sure if you or anyone in OPPT can.

If we can't access the study we can't comment on it. Then that would just leave the question about how many PFAS are in commerce.

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Subject: RE: TALA QUESTION: Comment for story on chemical industry PFAS study

We would need to see the study before we can say anything about it. Has industry 'provided' or presented it to EPA?

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Hi Tala – I'm not quite sure how to approach this. Should I start w/ Tracy to get the numbers from the Inventory?

From: Julia John <julia.john@chemicalwatch.com>
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Subject: Comment for story on chemical industry PFAS study

Hi Andrea,

I hope you're well! I'm working on a story about a new study by chemical manufacturers identifying and classifying commercially relevant PFASs. They say it counters "assertions that there are too many PFAS chemistries to conduct proper regulatory risk assessments for the commercially relevant substances."

According to industry, "this study is the first to use a bona-fide "bottom up" approach to identify how many of the 4,730 PFAS substances listed in a 2018 OECD/UNEP Report are directly connected to commercial products based on input from three major global producers. The study results show that 256, less than 6%, of the 4,730 PFAS substances presented in the 2018 OECD/UNEP Report are commercially relevant globally. This study suggests that grouping and categorizing PFAS using fundamental classification criteria based on composition and structure can be used to identify appropriate groups of PFAS substances for risk assessment."

What is the EPA's response to these findings and conclusions? How many PFASs are on the TSCA active inventory and are currently commercially relevant?

My deadline is Tuesday noon.

Thank you,
Julia